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SOLICITOR CURRIE DELIVERS CHARGE

SPRING TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT
CONVENED MONDAY—CHARGE
TO GRAND JURY WAS DELIV-
ERED BY MR. CURRIE.

Judge Cochran Said District Attorney
Had Been Campaigning in Other
Counties, so He'd Put Him
to Work Here.

The spring term of circuit court convened Monday morning, Judge R. F. Cochran presiding. This will be the final local term over which the well known judge will preside, and a large number of people gathered at the court house, thinking perhaps that as this marked the judge's final shot at a Lowndes county grand jury he'd deliver one of his sensational charges. The crowd, however, was doomed to disappointment, for Judge Cochran did not charge the grand jury, having delegated the task, or perhaps it would be better to say the honor, to District Attorney Currie.

Of course it became necessary to organize the grand jury before a charge could be delivered, and when the panel had been completed the following gentlemen were in the box: Messrs. E. S. Moore, L. S. Bridgeforth, T. J. Smith, J. M. Holloway, H. C. Warfield, A. R. Shivers, L. T. Hollingsworth, W. H. Goodson, E. A. Stanley, D. L. Ervin, A. B. Bell, E. E. Harris, J. H. Locke, L. H. Gould, Joe Salter, C. A. Goree, J. E. Miller, S. M. Dale, S. F. Harris. After having appointed Mr. E. S. Moore foreman, Judge Cochran stated that District Attorney Currie, who is a candidate for congress from the Fifth district, had been devoting most of his time to campaigning recently, and that in order to put him to work in Columbus he had asked him to charge the grand jury.

District Attorney Currie is a very learned and very intelligent man, and his charge showed not only a complete knowledge of the laws now on our statute books, but thorough familiarity with legal history. His charge, in fact, was in reality a rhetorical and historical oration, in which he stated the basic principles of common law and narrated the history of our present court system, telling how the system was originated in ancient times and what has been done to elaborate and perfect it.

The District Attorney said that most people had a wrong conception of the meaning of the freedom and liberty guaranteed citizens of the United States under the constitution. He said that liberty and freedom really mean the strength and restraint of the law, and that the burden of government is vested in each and every man in proportion to his intellectual and moral strength. He said that there was a growing tendency towards fabrication on the part of witnesses and that perjury formed the causeway over which many criminals escaped from the law. The district attorney declared that the danger resulting from perjury does not lie in the false testimony given by moral degenerates, which is always discredited to a greater or less extent, but in the fabrications of men of intelligence, who rely upon their shrewdness to escape detection, and who, after having left the grand jury room or the witness stand, boast of the manner in which they wilfully misled their interrogators.

That District Attorney Currie is not very well posted regarding local affairs is evinced by the fact that he devoted rather a large portion of his charge to the road overseers. The system of working the public roads by contract has been in operation in this county for several months, and all road overseers were long since discharged for duty, but this kind of talk is "stock stuff" in all orthodox grand jury charges, so the District Attorney gave some good advice on the subject, told a few jokes concerning the trials and vicissitudes of men who are supposed to work the public roads without the proper tools and implements, and passed blithely on to another subject.

Different violations of the law were briefly considered, the charge having, as stated above, been general rather than specific in its nature. Mr. Currie appealed to the higher natures of the gentlemen composing the grand jury, and after having mentioned a few of the more frequent violations of the law, seemed content to leave the work of purging

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Gov. Noel in Washington.

A special from Jackson bearing date of May 11th says: Old Mississippi can't be lost by Arkansas. The state across the river has another governor while Acting Chief Executive Pindall is in Washington attending the governors' conference, and while Gov. Noel is at the nation's capital for the same purpose, Lieut. Gov. Manship is in charge of Mississippi's affairs.

After the conference at Washington, Gov. Noel will attend the arbitration congress at Lake Mahonk. He will be absent three weeks.

The temporary incumbent is wearing his honors easily, and it is not likely that the cares of state will sit heavily on his shoulders during the period he is in charge. In fact, the genial lieutenant-governor believes in the motto, "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you," and will give his attention only to such executive affairs as are of urgent importance, and the ordinary routine of work that passes through the executive office. In this task he will have able assistance in the person of Private Secretary W. J. Buck, who has been the actual, if not the nominal, governor of the commonwealth on more than one occasion, especially during the heated campaign last summer, and is thoroughly conversant with every duty expected of the chief executive.

During the forenoon a large number of personal friends of "Our Luther" dropped in to see how he was running things, and some were even unkind enough to express surprise that the ship of state had not been already dashed to pieces on the rocks, while others with grandiloquent air declared that he was running things better than the regular incumbent, the opinion, of course, being based on superficial observation.

"Jimmie" Lusk, the irrepressible knight of the grip, who has been Lieut. Gov. Manship's closest friend and boon companion since boyhood, strolled in during the day and proclaimed himself a "duly authorized representative of the tolling masses," and fiercely demanded to know what the acting governor was going to do about it. He was instructed to tell the tolling masses to keep on tolling and perhaps one of their number may get to be governor some day.

Another friend who requested that his identity remain concealed, called to read a poem to the temporary executive entitled "Luther Lift the Lid," and after a careful study of the sentiment and meter of the effusion, the lieutenant-governor took it under advisement.

The temporary ruler of the state sticks to his announcement that the only change in administrative policy will be a closing of the office at 3:50 o'clock each afternoon while the Jackson team is at home to permit himself and Private Secretary Buck to attend the ball games at League park. Both are thirty-second degree fans, while the regular man on the job evidently knows nothing about baseball, and cares less, for he has never attended the games at League park, a fact that causes many of the occupants of the state house to hold the opinion that Gov. Noel has missed about three-fourths of the joy of living.

This is the dull period at the executive office, and there is no cause to fear that Lieut.-Gov. Manship will overwork himself, or get an attack of nervous prostration while he is filling the role of governor. From a financial standpoint the temporary incumbent is up against a losing game, for he does not receive the governor's salary during the latter's absence, and in order to remain in Jackson during the next three weeks he has been compelled to cancel several important lecture engagements, which means that he will have to make up for lost time during the summer Chautauqua period.

Mr. Henry Terry, who has been a great sufferer from rheumatism for the past few months, leaves today for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where all of his friends sincerely hope that he will be entirely restored to his customary good health.

Hon. George C. Paine of Aberdeen, Hon. Jordan Boone of Corinth, and Hon. A. T. Stovall of Okolona, are among the prominent attorneys from surrounding towns who are here in attendance upon circuit court.

Mrs. A. B. Kearsey left Sunday for Jacksonville, Fla., having been called there to attend the bedside of her brother, who recently met with a serious accident.

HANDSOME NEW BANK BUILDING

FIRST STATE BANK LETS THE
CONTRACT FOR HANDSOME
NEW BUILDING ON CORNER
OF MAIN AND MARKET.

Work to Begin Thereon Right Away,
Mr. J. W. Stansell, the Well
Known Contractor, Being Em-
ployed to Do the Work.

All doubt about the intention of the First State Bank relative to their handsome new bank building was removed yesterday when Capt. C. A. Johnston, president of the bank, announced just before leaving for Brookhaven that the contract for the new building had been let, the officers of the bank employing Mr. J. W. Stansell, the well known builder and contractor, to do the work upon a commission basis. The building agreed upon is identically the building which Architect Weston, of Birmingham designed and it will be a handsome four story structure of pressed brick on all sides, equipped with every modern convenience and equipment and fire-proof from cellar to dome.

Work on the building is to begin right away and the task of tearing down the Osborne corner will proceed right away and when this structure is razed work of tearing down the present bank building will begin. The new building will occupy the sites of both buildings and it is expected that the new building will be ready for occupancy by the first of the new year.

The new building marks an important era in the development of Columbus and will give to this city an other modern office structure, built upon modern lines, with every protection and convenience. Mr. Stansell, who has been awarded the contract, is regarded as one of the ablest representatives of his line in this section and has done some of the best work in this city, his work at the Gilder being especially fine. Mr. Stansell will organize at once to undertake his latest contract and he will push it to completion.

The Bankers' Convention.

Hon. C. A. Johnston, president of the First State Bank, left yesterday for Brookhaven, Miss., where he goes to attend a meeting of the State Bankers' Association, which convenes in that city today. Capt. Johnston expected to be accompanied by other leading and prominent bankers of this city, but at the last moment they found it impossible to attend on account of business reasons.

Capt. Johnston goes empowered with authority to invite the next meeting of Mississippi's financiers to this city. All of the banks here have united in the invitation and if he succeeds in landing the convention for Columbus, a fine body of representative men will be our guests. A most attractive program is in store for them if they come and his invitation is backed by the cordial hospitality of the people of the entire city who all unite in the hope that they will come.

Delightful Day at West Point.

The basket ball team of the Franklin Academy visited West Point last Friday and engaged the basket ball team of the high school at that place in a friendly contest which resulted in favor of the Columbians by a score of forty-one to four.

The visit to our neighboring city was truly delightful and the young ladies had many pleasant courtesies arranged and extended in their behalf while there. They returned to this city on Friday evening with memories of only a pleasant occasion to remind them of their visit.

Last Call.

Those candidates who are to enter The Dispatch Piano Contest are urged to send in their names before the present week is over. No candidates will be allowed to enter the contest whose names are not entered in this office before next Sunday.

\$20,000 Fire at Amory.

Amory, Miss., May 11.—Fire at noon yesterday did \$20,000 damage. The residences of Mrs. J. T. Davis, Mrs. M. May and J. L. Williams were entirely destroyed. Heroic efforts by the citizens prevented a general conflagration.

Mr. Sidney Hopkins, of Aberdeen, spent Sunday in the city.

ANNUAL REUNION AT BIRMINGHAM

EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS BE-
ING MADE FOR CONFEDERATE
VETERAN REUNION TO BE
HELD IN BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham is Only a Short Distance
From Columbus, and a Large
Number of Local Veterans
Will Attend.

The eighteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Birmingham on June 5th, 10th and 11th, and as the Magic City is only a short distance from Columbus an unusually large number of local veterans will be in attendance. Lieutenant-General Clement A. Evans, commanding the Tennessee Department, has issued orders giving official notification of the reunion and urging the veterans under his command to attend.

It is pointed out by General Evans that the department under his command is the central body of the federation and Birmingham is located in the geographical center of the division, that it is therefore the duty of the veterans composing the several divisions to make special effort to attend and to secure the attendance of every unattached veteran who is able to leave his home on that occasion. He accordingly extends a cordial invitation to all camps and unattached veterans to attend the coming reunion at Birmingham.

The Lieutenant-General also calls attention to the fact that as the camps are the working units of the federation, it is of the utmost importance that renewed efforts be made to increase the interest in them and to enlarge their membership, to the end that all veterans of the "Lost Cause" become interested co-workers in the federation.

General Evans emphasizes the great value to the cause, its history and memories of the "Sons of Confederate Veterans," the "United Daughters of the Confederacy," the "Ladies' Memorial Association," and the "Children of the Confederacy." To each of these organizations he extends greetings and trusts that greater efforts to increase their respective membership and efficiency will be put forward by the active members of each.

The following staff officers and sponsors for the department are announced:

General Staff.—Brig. Gen. E. T. Sykes, Columbus, Miss., adjutant general and chief of staff; Col. H. C. Myers, Memphis, Tenn., assistant adjutant general; Col. R. P. Lake, Memphis, Tenn., quartermaster general; Col. G. N. Saussy, Hawkinsville, Ga., assistant quartermaster general; Col. Alfred M. O'Neal, Florence, Ala., inspector general; Col. A. J. Beale, Cynthia, Ky., assistant inspector general; Col. E. L. Russell, Mobile, Ala., commissary general; Col. W. L. Calhoun, Atlanta, Ga., judge advocate general; Col. A. R. Holderby, Atlanta, Ga., surgeon general; Col. D. W. Gwin, Nashville, Tenn., chaplain general.

Personal Staff Aids.—Col. (late Brigadier General C. S. A.) R. D. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala., aid de camp; Col. S. L. Robertson, Birmingham, Ala., aid de camp; Col. D. P. Bestor, Mobile, Ala., aid de camp; Col. T. E. Spotswood, Mobile, Ala., aid de camp; Col. Thos. W. Givens, Tampa, Fla., aid de camp; Col. L. L. Middlebrook, Covington, Tenn., aid de camp; Col. R. M. Howard, Columbus, Ga., aid de camp; Col. Wm. J. Redd, Columbus, Ga., aid de camp; Col. Robt. E. Park, Atlanta, Ga., aid de camp; Col. Nat. E. Harris, Macon, Ga., aid de camp; Col. Eliza Bayne, Louisville, Ky., aid de camp; Col. B. F. Eshleman, New Orleans, La., aid de camp; Col. Aristide Hopkins, New Orleans, La., aid de camp; Col. J. B. Levert, New Orleans, La., aid de camp; Col. Honore Dugas, Palmcourtville, La., aid de camp; Col. G. D. Shands, New Orleans, La., aid de camp; Col. T. C. Carter, Meridian, Miss., aid de camp; Col. E. Q. Withers, Holly Springs, Miss., aid de camp; Col. N. R. Sledge, Como, Miss., aid de camp; Col. C. W. Heiskell, Memphis, Tenn., aid de camp; Col. W. W. Carnes, Memphis, Tenn., aid de camp; Col. J. B. Sinnott, New Orleans, La., aid de camp; Col. R. W. Jones, Laurel, Miss., aid de camp; Col. J. W. Young, Grenada, Miss., aid de camp.

Commanding the Alabama Division, U. C. V., has been appointed and is hereby announced "sponsor" for this Army Department for and during the eighteenth (18th) annual reunion of the U. C. V., to be held in the city of Birmingham, Ala., June 5-11, 1908.

Her first or chief maid of honor is announced to be Miss Laurie Greene, of Atlanta, Ga.

"They will be obeyed and respected accordingly."

"Second. The dress and paraphernalia of staff officers to be worn on parade will be the regulation blouse, with U. C. V. buttons, made of Confederate gray cloth, having one outside and one inside breast pocket, and without any insignia of rank other than gilt braid on sleeves. Trousers of same material, having a small gilt cord running down the outer seams. Felt hats of approximate color of dress, with gold cord and letters U. C. V. Cavalry or orange colored gauntlets, and sash of similar color. Black enamel belt. Badge to be worn on left lapel of coat, and to be lettered thus: "Department of Staff."

Sponsorial Staff.—Miss Mary A. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., daughter of Major General George P. Harrison, Staff."

Won Yesterday.

By losing to Jackson Monday afternoon Columbus dropped to second place, and Gulfport, which has been running her a race for the lead in the percentage column, also took a tumble, having lost to Vicksburg. The Hill Billies went to the head of the class, while Columbus and Gulfport divided honors for second place, each with a percentage of .557.

May was in the box for Columbus Monday afternoon, and the Blind Tigers didn't do a thing but sock him for thirteen safeties. The Discoverers seemed to have lost their ability to hit when they lost Huber, Miller started in to pitch for Jackson, and the visitors managed to find a few of his balls, but he retired at the close of the third in favor of Vasey, and right there the clouting of the Columbians ceased. The Blind Tigers kept on piling up runs, and won the game by a score of 5 to 3.

Demaree went in the box for the Discoverers yesterday, and they won from Jackson by a score of 2 to 0. Gulfport lost yesterday, and is now in third place. Vicksburg is leading, with Columbus second and Gulfport third.

Hattie Stone Stole Promiscuously.

Hattie Stone, a negro, was before Mayor Donnell on the charge of larceny yesterday, and was sentenced to serve ninety days on the county farm. It seems that Hattie has been stealing promiscuously for quite a long time past, and when her room was searched by the police yesterday they found about one hundred dollars' worth of wearing apparel that had been stolen from various white ladies.

The Dispatch was pleased to see a set of original plans for a handsome two story home which were executed by Mr. W. H. McClanahan, who is now taking the mechanical course at the A. & M. College, where he is a member of the Junior class. The idea was original with him and he had worked out the entire plan with accuracy, even giving the details for every part of the house. The work was beautifully done and evinces not only marked talent in this line upon the part of Mr. McClanahan but shows that he is taking a thorough course at the College in this particular line as well. Mr. McClanahan will follow this line of work for his profession and his natural aptitude for it will guarantee his success.

At a called meeting of Robert E. Lee Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., held last Friday night, Messrs. J. B. Gardner, E. A. McGuire and A. R. Smith were elected to membership and the following were initiated into the mysteries of the order: Messrs. B. Matthews, W. D. Morton, L. B. Long and R. E. Chestnut, Jr.

Mrs. M. L. Ball, a well known lady of Pikesville, Ala., died at her home in that place recently. Mrs. Ball had visited Columbus on frequent occasions, and had numerous friends here to whom her death is a source of sincere regret.

Dr. W. W. Westmoreland has been absent for the past few days attending the meeting of the National Dental Association, which is now in session in Birmingham.

From 10 a. m. to 12, then 2 p. m. to 4 and 7:30 to 11 are the hours to see the beautiful new moving pictures at the Vandevoort on Thursday.

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VALIANT WORK IN GOOD CAUSE

THROUGH EFFORTS OF LOCAL
AUXILIARY, THE SUM OF \$280
IS COLLECTED FOR OLD LA-
DIES' HOME ASSOCIATION.

Last Saturday Was "Tag Day," and
the Above Amount Was Col-
lected From People of
Columbus.

The sum of \$280 was added to the treasury of the Old Ladies' Home Association through the efforts of the local auxiliary on "Tag Day." Last Saturday was the day set apart as the day for playing "tag," and a large number of the most accomplished matrons and prettiest young ladies of the city got in the game. They were on the streets and in the prominent buildings from early morn till dewy eve, and the enthusiasm with which they pursued their work is shown in the large amount collected.

A count of the work turned in by the different ladies shows Misses Alice and Stella Will Gunder to have been the most successful workers. The Misses Gunder were stationed at the postoffice, and through very efficient work succeeded in collecting \$23.19. The next largest amount was collected by a party consisting of Mrs. Jessie Randolph Atteight, Miss Laura May Hamann and Miss Sara Sale, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Jim. F. Mayo. This party worked on Main street, between Market and Sixth, and succeeded in collecting \$29.12 from pedestrians passing along the block. The third largest amount was handed in by Misses Farnum, Archer and McWilliams, who visited the baseball park Friday afternoon, and got \$18.69 from the occupants of the grand stand and bleachers. Other workers who turned in large collections were the following: Mrs. B. L. Owen and Miss Mary Harrison, \$11.79; Mrs. Lee Caine, \$13.15; Misses Hawley Senior and Gene Moody, \$12.55; Miss Laura Young, \$11.41; Miss Lottie Whitfield, assisted by Misses Elvira Hatchbloom and Hattie Wood, \$12.59; Misses Eunice Power and Annie Lee Senior, \$14.69; Mrs. Jim. A. Snell, \$10.35; Misses Sara and Anna Minko, \$8.72.

So far as can be learned, there was only one request for a donation that was refused. This refusal was by a drummer, who was approached by an energetic worker at the Southern depot. The knight of the grip was first asked for a contribution while standing on the platform, and the persistent solicitor, unmoved at his refusal to contribute to the worthy cause, followed him on to the train, but when she reached "Mr. Drummer" he had his fingers crossed, and positively refused to "donate." The generosity of the traveling man is commendable, and if the identity of this stingy brother is ever learned by his fellow travelers they may likely put him through the chair-thrust device.

Mrs. C. H. Adams, who officiated as chairman of the "Tag Day" committee, and to whose calling officers a much of the success of the undertaking is due, desired to extend thanks to all who in any way assisted in the work. Thanks are especially due Mr. S. W. Greenwald, the efficient general manager of the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, who not only gave all the workers free transportation on the street cars, but allowed the ladies to use his office as general headquarters, having furnished them with a desk, chairs, stationery and various necessities used in keeping the accounts of the different solicitors.

Mrs. Adams stated that the local auxiliary of the Old Ladies' Home Association has presented "Tag Day" in Columbus, and will go after the dimes again next year. It is to be hoped that the next venture on the part of the ladies will be as successful as were their efforts last Saturday.

The Cotton Market.

The cotton market is still holding its own, and the high prices which recent unfavorable weather reports brought about are being maintained. At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 11.95, July futures in New York at 9.44, New Orleans spots at 10 11-16, and July futures in New York at 10.19. In the local market middling was quoted at 10.4.

Mr. W. D. Richards, of Inverness, has been spending the past few days in the city.